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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, Paper No. 5, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following 10 patentably distinct species of the invention:

- I. Figures 1- 11;
- II. Figure 15A;
- III. Figures 16-18;
- IV. Figures 20A, 20B and 21;
- V. Figure 22A and 22B;

- VI. Figures 23A and 23B;
- VII. Figures 24A, 24B and 25;
- VIII. Figures 26A and 26B;
- IX. Figures 27 and 28; or
- X. Figure 29.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with species III illustrated in Figures 16-18. Applicants believe that Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19-23, and 31-33 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1 and 33 are generic.

Applicants also request that the non-elected claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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